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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: TANKS, APCs AND TRUCKS HAVE BEEN MOVING
THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING ADVANCING WEST ON
CHANGANJIE TOWARD TIANANMEN. RUMORS PERSIST THAT

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TROOPS ARE POISED TO TAKE OVER UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. MILITARY UP TO THIS TIME HAS NOT ENTERED BEIJING UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY RELEASED TEN FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING THE TWO MISSING CBS EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER AMERICANS. END SUMMARY.

MISSING AMERICANS RELEASED

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 HOURS LOCAL, JUNE 4, THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY RELEASED TEN FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING THE TWO MISSING CBS EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER AMERICANS. THE GROUP MADE THEIR WAY TO THE PALACE HOTEL WHERE THEY CONFIRMED THEIR RELEASE.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 2215 HOURS LOCAL, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY (MPS) OFFICE WHICH HANDLES ALIEN AFFAIRS. THE MPS STATED THAT THEY HAD FOUR AMERICANS WHO WERE GOING TO BE RELEASED, INCLUDING TWO CBS EMPLOYEES. DURING A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION MPS AGREED THAT AN EMBASSY VEHICLE COULD PICK UP THE ENTIRE GROUP OF FOREIGNERS, INSTEAD OF WAITING UNTIL THE NEXT DAY.

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5. WHEN RSO AND POLOFF ARRIVED AT THE MPS OFFICE IN AN EMBASSY VAN, THEY WERE TOLD TO WAIT MOMENTARILY FOR THE "FOREIGNERS". AFTER ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES, THE MPS OFFICER RETURNED AND SAID THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THE "FOREIGNERS" HAD NOT ARRIVED. WHEN ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION, THE MPS OFFICER STATED THAT THE GROUP HAD IN FACT BEEN HELD AT ANOTHER OFFICE NEAR TIANANMEN SQUARE. (NOTE. MPS HQS AND THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL MPS ARE BOTH ADJACENT TO THE SQUARE.) ACCORDING TO THE OFFICER, THE GROUP HAD BEEN RELEASED AND GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO THE MPS ALIEN AFFAIRS OFFICE TO MEET UP WITH THE EMBASSY VAN. WHEN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION, THE MPS OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT THE TIANANMEN MPS OFFICE HAD MERELY RELEASED THE GROUP OF FOREIGNERS INTO THE STREET AND POINTED THEM IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ALIEN AFFAIRS OFFICE, SAYING THAT AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND VEHICLE WOULD MEET THEM THERE. WHEN ASKED, HE SAID THAT NO MPS OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIED THEM. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS FOR MPS PERSONNEL TO BE OUT ON THE STREET.

6. EMBOFFS STATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FOREIGNERS WERE ALREADY AT THE ALIEN AFFAIRS OFFICE, AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS UNWISE MERELY TO RELEASE THE FOREIGNERS INTO THE AREA OF THE SQUARE WITHOUT SOME ESCORT. THE MPS

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OFFICIAL SAID THAT AS THE TIANANMEN OFFICE WAS ONLY A TEN-MINUTE WALK FROM THE ALIEN AFFAIRS OFFICE AND OVER THIRTY MINUTES HAD PASSED, MPS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROUP'S WHEREABOUTS. HE REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY CONTACT MPS SHOULD THE GROUP SHOW UP. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH MPS AND CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, EMBOFFS RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY WHERE THEY FOUND A CBS NEWS CREW. EMBOFFS BRIEFED THE CBS TEAM AND RECONTACTED THE MPS ALIEN AFFAIRS OFFICE TO OBTAIN

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FURTHER DETAILS ON THE FOREIGNERS' IDENTITIES. THE MPS
WOULD ONLY RELEASE THE "CHINESE NAMES" OF THE
AMERICANS. ALTHOUGH A FAIR AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WAS
GARBLED, THE LIST APPEARED TO MATCH THE TWO MISSING CBS
EMPLOYEES AND AN AMERICAN STUDENT IN BEIJING; THE
FOURTH NAME WAS TOO GARBLED TO IDENTIFY.

7. AS MIDNIGHT PASSED, MPS WAS INCREASINGLY

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UNCOOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING. THEY WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE TIANANMEN OFFICE THE GROUP HAD REPORTEDLY LEFT. AT ABOUT THIS TIME THE CBS NEWS TEAM REPORTED THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM THEIR TWO COLLEAGUES THAT THEY INDEED HAD BEEN RELEASED AND HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO THE PALACE HOTEL. THEY CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD BEEN RELEASED AND POINTED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ALIEN AFFAIRS OFFICE. THEY HAD ELECTED, HOWEVER, TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE PALACE HOTEL INSTEAD.

8. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THAT TEN PERSONS HAD BEEN RELEASED AND HAD MADE IT TO THE HOTEL. SOME OF THE NON-AMERICANS WERE APPARENTLY IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION. (OUR CONSULAR SECTION HAS THE FULL NAME/NATIONALITY LIST.)

MARTIAL LAW AND RESISTANCE ON JUNE 4

9. TANKS, APCs, AND TRUCKS HAVE BEEN PASSING BY THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF JUNE 4. MOST CONFIDENTIAL
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OF THEM WERE ADVANCING WEST TOWARD TIANANMEN SQUARE. OCCASIONALLY SOME WOULD TURN NORTH OR SOUTH ON THE SECOND RING ROAD. BETWEEN 0100 AND 0200 ON JUNE 5, MORE THAN SEVENTY TANKS MOVING AT A FAST SPEED PASSED THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND HEADING TOWARD THE SQUARE.

10. THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EVENING, THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS AND REPORTS THAT MILITARY UNITS WERE MOVING TO TAKE OVER UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ARMOR AND TROOPS NEAR BEIJING UNIVERSITY (BEIDA), AS THIS IS BEING WRITTEN, THE MILITARY HAD NOT ENTERED BEIDA.

11. PARTS OF BEIJING APPEARED NORMAL ON JUNE 4, BUT ALL OVER THE CITY THERE ARE BURNED OUT VEHICLES AND OTHER SIGNS OF INTENSIVE FIGHTING THE NIGHT BEFORE. A LARGE NUMBER OF THE DESTROYED VEHICLES BELONG TO THE MILITARY.

PROTECTING THE EMBASSY

12. EARLY IN THE EVENING OF JUNE 4, GUNFIRE WAS HEARD IN THE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY. WHEN WE CALLED THE PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE, THEY REPLIED: "YES, WE WILL ENSURE YOUR SAFETY. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL GUARDS AT YOUR FACILITIES IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. WE GIVE EQUAL

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TREATMENT TO ALL. WE ARE SHORTHANDED. WE DO HAVE
REACTIVE FORCES ON ALERT TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES."

AMERICAN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT BEIDA

13. IN THE EARLY EVENING OF JUNE 5, A NUMBER OF
STUDENTS FROM BEIDA CALLED THE EMBASSY. THEY SAID THAT
THE CANADIANS AND FRENCH HAD SENT BUSSES TO BEIDA TO
EVACUATE THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE THE CAMPUS AND ASKED

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WHY THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS NOT PROVIDING SUCH A BUS. WE
PHONED THE CANADIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES AND FOUND OUT
THAT THE CANADIANS HAD NOT SENT A BUS TO BEIDA AND THAT
THE FRENCH HAD SENT A MINI-VAN THERE PICKING UP SEVEN
STUDENTS AND A FOREIGN EXPERT. WE TOLD STUDENTS THAT
PROVIDING BUSES WAS NOT POSSIBLE DURING THE EVENING
UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS IN BEIJING AND THAT THEY WERE
BETTER OFF STAYING WHERE THEY WERE. WE WILL EXAMINE

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FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THAT THERE ARE BETWEEN 400 AND 600 STUDENTS AT ANY GIVEN TIME IN THE BEIJING AREA.

MISSING FOREIGN NATIONALS

14. REUTER CORRESPONDENT GRAHAM EARNSHAW WAS RELEASED THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4 AFTER BEING HELD FOR ABOUT SIX HOURS. HE STAYED BEHIND AT TIANANMEN SQUARE AFTER THE LIGHTS WENT OUT AT 0400 HOURS LOCAL. CONTACT WAS LOST WITH HIM AFTER 0800. HE WAS APPARENTLY NOT MISTREATED.

15. STILL MISSING IS THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT (LONDON), MICHAEL FARTHERS. HE WAS LAST SEEN BY A UPI CORRESPONDENT AT ABOUT 0400 HOURS LOCAL ON JUNE 4. (HE HAD EARLIER BEEN BEATEN UP BY CHINESE MILITARY, LEFT THE SQUARE, THEN RETURNED.) THE ONLY OTHER UK PERSON MISSING IS A HONGKONG FEMALE STUDENT, NAME UNKNOWN.

16. REPORTS THAT A JAPANESE CORRESPONDENT WAS MISSING SEEM TO BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION, ACCORDING TO THE WIFE OF A KYODO PHOTOGRAPHER WITH WHOM A U.S. REPORTER HAS BEEN IN TOUCH.

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THE TIANANMEN SQUARE SPARK?

17. ACCORDING TO A CHINESE-AMERICAN WHO GOT CAUGHT IN THE VIOLENCE AT TIANANMEN SQUARE IN THE EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 4, BOTH SOLDIERS AND STUDENTS INITIALLY ATTEMPTED TO SHOW RESTRAINT, BUT THE "CITY PEOPLE" (SHIMIN) REFUSED TO FOLLOW STUDENT ORDERS. THE BEATING TO DEATH OF A PLA SOLDIER, WHO WAS IN THE FIRST APC TO ENTER TIANANMEN SQUARE, IN FULL VIEW OF THE OTHER WAITING PLA TROOPS, APPEARED TO HAVE SPARKED THE SHOOTING THAT FOLLOWED.

HOSPITAL VISITS AND CASUALTY REPORTS

18. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

THE FUXING

STAFF REPORTED RECEIVING OVER 40 DEAD AND 213 WOUNDED, ALL FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS. (NOTE. THE FUXING HOSPITAL, WHICH IS LOCATED ON FUXING DAJIE, IS IN THE AREA OF XIDAN WHERE THE FIGHTING WAS EXTREMELY HEAVY. END NOTE.) [REDACTED] PERSONALLY WALKED AROUND IN TWO ROOMS AND COUNTED 18 PEOPLE DEAD, ALL MEN, RANGING IN AGE FROM YOUNG TEENS TO THE LATE THIRTIES. ONE MAN WAS DRESSED IN A SUIT AND A TIE.

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19. [REDACTED] PROVIDED VISITING EMBOFFS WITH SIMILAR FIGURES, STATING THAT THEY SEEN 40 DEAD AND "SEVERAL HUNDRED" WOUNDED. THEY SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DEAD OR WOUNDED FOREIGNERS. EMBOFFS PERSONALLY VISITED A NEARBY STOREROOM WHERE CROWDS WERE VIEWING 26 BODIES ON DISPLAY. MOST WERE YOUNG MEN, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE ALSO TWO OLD WOMEN AND ONE CHILD. IN MANY CASES THE BULLET WOUNDS REMAINED UNCOVERED. A CHINESE-AMERICAN BYSTANDER CLAIMED THAT A FRIEND AT

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ANOTHER HOSPITAL IN THE AREA HAD WITNESSED THE MOST
DEAD OF ANY HOSPITAL--180.

20. UNION HOSPITAL OFFICIALS INFORMED VISITING EMBOFFS
JUNE 4 THAT THEY HAD ONLY TREATED ONE INJURED AMERICAN,
WHO HAD BEEN CLUBBED IN THE HEAD. (NOTE. THIS IS THE
SAME CHINESE-AMERICAN IN PARA 17 WHO WITNESSED THE
EVENTS AT TIANANMEN SQUARE, AND IS NOW IN GOOD

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CONDITION. END NOTE.) THE UNION HOSPITAL STAFF SAID THAT THREE OR FOUR OTHER FOREIGNERS HAD BEEN TREATED JUNE 4, BUT THEY PROVIDED NO DETAILS. THEY DID SAY THAT TWO HONG KONG CHINESE HAD BEEN TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

21. STAFF AT THE SMALL NUMBER 2 BEIJING HOSPITAL IN THE XIDAN AREA TOLD VISITING EMBOFFS THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED 10 DEAD AND SCORES OF WOUNDED. THEY SAID THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL HOSPITALS IN THE AREA WHICH HAD ALSO TREATED MANY WOUNDED.
AT MOST, SEVERAL HUNDRED, WAS AT THAT POINT MORE LIKELY
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THE XIDAN AREA

22. EMBOFFS TRAVELLING ON CHANGAN DAJIE BETWEEN XIDAN STREET AND THE MINZHU HOTEL THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4 OBSERVED A BATTLEFIELD LITTERED WITH BURNED OUT BUSES, OVERTURNED CARS, WRECKED BARRICADES AND SHATTERED GLASS. BROKEN WINDOWS IN ADJACENT BUILDINGS APPEARED TO MARK ERRANT ROUNDS. CROWDS MILLING AROUND THE WRECKS REPEATEDLY ASKED EMBOFFS TO REPORT WHAT HAD HAPPENED. THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT, EXCEPT FOR THE
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TROOPS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE, THE SOLDIERS AND THEIR APCS HAD MOVED WEST BEYOND FUXINGMEN. EMBOFFS WERE WARNED NOT TO GO WEST OF XIDAN. THE MOOD OF THE CROWDS WAS ANGRY AND TENSE. LILLEY

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